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(54) **SECURE BOOTSTRAPPING ARCHITECTURE METHOD BASED ON PASSWORD-BASED DIGEST AUTHENTICATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method, apparatus, and computer program product, in which a password-based digest access authentication procedure is used for performing authentication between a client and a server, wherein the authentication procedure is secured by at least one of modifying a digest-response parameter with a user password and generating a bootstrapped key based on the user password and at least one fresh parameter not used in a previous protocol run between the client and the server.